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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (2001-349424) on Form PTO-1449:

Whether a vehicle is on an incline or not is detected and if the vehicle is on an incline, an automatic neutral control is prohibited. An acceleration sensor is often used to detect the incline, but because the acceleration sensor output oscillates immediately after the vehicle is stopped, it is necessary to smooth it out. However, smoothing control results in a delay in the start of the neutral control.

Reference AP (2001-315551) on Form PTO-1449:

A vehicle is transferred to advance travel without reversing the vehicle when releasing a brake in a state of stopping the vehicle on a slope road in a neutral state by a control device of a vehicular automatic transmission.

Reference AQ (2001-165299) on Form PTO-1449:

A creep force control device of an automatic transmission for a vehicle is provided. The control device prevents retraction of the vehicle when releasing the control of the creep force on a slope so as not to give the sense of incongruity to a driver.

Reference AR (2000-310318) on Form PTO-1449:

A control device for an automatic transmission for a vehicle is provided. The control device estimates stopping of the vehicle at more accurate limit of error to start neutral controlling under the condition.

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	AO	2001-349424	12/21/01	Japan (with English Abstract)		X	
	AP	2001-315551	11/13/01	Japan (with English Abstract)		X	
	AQ	2001-165299	6/19/01	Japan (with English Abstract)		X	
	AR	2000-310318	11/07/00	Japan (with English Abstract)		X	
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